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## OREGON BETTER THAN ALL

### Nothing in the East to Compare With It

Gilbert Goodhue and wife returned Wednesday morning from a three months' visit at their old home in St. Johns, Michigan. The trip and mingling once more among their old friends and acquaintances after a lapse of three years in Oregon, was greatly enjoyed by them. Mr. Goodhue states that while times are fairly prosperous in the section where he visited, he has not the least desire to live there again. St. Johns, Oregon, looked very good to him again and he doesn't think there is anything better anywhere. Both Mr. Goodhue and his wife were afflicted with catarrh before they came west three years ago, but when they reached Oregon and during the three years that they spent here the disease did not bother them in the least. A few days after they again returned to Michigan the affliction returned as vigorously as ever, and it was not until they arrived here again did it begin to abate and now it is entirely gone. While on the trip Mr. Gilbert met Mrs. Jennie Shaw and she asked him if he knew a man named Snow in St. Johns. He replied that the only man he knew by that name was "old Cap Snow" and she instantly replied: "That's him." It turned out then that she was a niece of Mr. Snow. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue are glad to be once more safely anchored in St. Johns, Oregon.

## Has Got to Stop

Hoodlums and rowdies who give public exhibitions of their ill-breeding will be sent to the rockpile after this for reformation. Municipal Judge Van Zante announced this from the bench Monday forenoon, after passing out a series of fines as punishment to the nine young ruffians arrested on Mount Scott and St. Johns owl cars Saturday night.

"Rowdism has got to stop," said the court. "Hereafter I intend to send all such offenders to the rockpile. Boisterous and profane conduct in public is absolutely inexcusable."

Of the nine hoodlums in court, seven were fined and all were found guilty. John C. Rones was fined \$20 because of having been most boisterous of all the young toughs on the late St. Johns car. Rones attributed his unseemly conduct to drink and promised to do better in the future. Delbert Nash, Harry Williams, George Quay and C. Balster, were fined \$10 apiece. Frank J. Noel was let off with a fine of \$2 for he has a wife and eight children.

Noel says he was not with the crowd which was disturbing the peace. "There has been plenty of trouble on the line," he said, "and I hope they will clean the thing up."

V. Kendall and George W. Smith were let off with a reprimand. Their only offense consisted of singing in a noisy, drunken way. Special Agent W. P. Little, of the streetcar company, will continue his operations against hoodlums on cars although it is believed in the face of Judge Van Zante's determination to send such offenders to the rockpile, there is not likely to be another outburst soon.—Oregonian.

## Grow More Hogs

Swift and Company announce that they plan to begin actual packing operations in their new plant at Portland in July. This brings to the surface the necessity for the farmers of Oregon to grow more hogs. Pigs can be raised until they are three months old on vetch or other roughage at practically no expense other than for pasture. A fat 300 pound hog in Portland today is worth \$15.50 cash, live weight. The packers will have to get a supply,—must they send the money for the hogs to Nebraska, or will we raise them in Oregon?

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## Float Assured for June

### Queen Necessary to Grace Seat of Honor

That St. Johns will be represented by a handsome and appropriate float at the Rose Carnival is now an assured thing. The money necessary is now practically all raised, and St. Johns need not feel in the least ashamed of its contribution to the Carnival parade. The question of a queen to ride in state amid this bower of flowers and decorations is yet to be decided. The fairest way for all concerned seems to be to make the selection by ballot and it is likely that a ballot box will be placed in the principal business houses and any one can vote for whomsoever desired as a fitting personage to occupy this seat of honor. The Commercial club has the matter in charge, and unless some other scheme is later devised, envelopes will be provided at each ballot box. If you want to vote for a certain young lady as queen, secure an envelope upon request, put your money inside, seal it up and write the name of the contestant on the outside. You then drop same into the ballot box, and when the contest is over each envelope will be opened and for every penny found therein a vote will be recorded in favor of the name on the outside. If you place a penny or 50 cents in the envelope your choice will receive either one vote or fifty, as the case may be. This method of voting for queen seems a very good one, as no one will know how many votes are recorded for any candidate until the contest is over, and no name is barred from the contest. More definite information will be given in our next issue.

## Charley Kept Busy

Chas. Foss, the champion land clearer, has secured the contract for clearing seventy acres of land at Gilbert station, on the Estacada car line, for the Green-Whitcomb Co. of Portland. He now has a big crew at work getting it ready for the plow. Mrs. Marey and family of this city are looking after the cooking department. Ex-Chief of Police Black and ex-Mayor Brice are erecting an office for the company on the tract and putting in an irrigation project for domestic and irrigation purposes. A splendid opportunity is here afforded any one desiring home sites, as the land will all be platted into acre tracts and sold at reasonable prices. The services of Mr. Foss are getting to be in great demand for land clearing. He pays the highest wages for his help, and then he knows how to look after and complete his contracts in a highly satisfactory manner.

## To Hold Big Dance

A big dance is expected to be held at the big new city dock Saturday evening, May 8th, for the purpose of raising funds for boosting St. Johns. It will not be an invitation affair, but all will be welcome. It is an ideal place for holding an immense dance and will without a doubt be one of the greatest occasions that has ever happened in St. Johns. Many out of town people will be in attendance and the event promises to be one to be long remembered. Complete details have not yet been worked out, and the date may be changed, but that the new city dock will be dedicated in such a manner is now an assured fact.

## Widening Big Cut

Work is now in progress for excavation and widening the big cut on the North Bank line, and preparations are being made for an immense amount of business this summer. It is more than likely that this company will string a line to encircle the lower peninsula before the year is out.

Roses, Oregon's pride, at the Vogue Millinery.

## BUY REALTY AND STAND PAT

### Opportunity Has Never Been so Bright to Become Wealthy in a Few Years as Now. Young Men of Today Have the Chance of a Life Time Here

The enormous prices that are from time to time being paid for pieces of Portland realty almost makes one wish he were lucky enough to have owned the property sold at such a great profit. Many people ascribe it to pure luck that these people were able to realize so splendidly from what was originally a small investment, and do not believe it was through foresight or good business judgment that the property was secured in the first place. While in some instances an element of luck may have entered into the deals, in the majority of cases the owners realized they had a good thing and held on to it until it attained its present value. That is the great secret of success in a realty way—getting a good thing and holding on. Every day you hear people say they wished they had the same chance that the old timers had. Well, they have, and if anything a better chance. Today property can be secured at a nominal price that will in a few years hence obtain as good figure as is being received for first class realty in Portland. Here in St. Johns are lots that can now be obtained for \$1000 and less that will be worth from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in ten years, and \$50,000 and upward in twenty-five years. This is no pipe dream or hallucination, but a solid, substantial fact. It has been proven in many instances in Portland, and the history of St. Johns will be almost identical, only its progress will be much more rapid. There are a number of lots in Portland that 25 years ago could be purchased for \$1000 that cannot now be bought for \$50,000, unless

the veracity of many old residents of that city who were familiar with values at that period cannot be relied upon. That St. Johns will grow more rapidly than did Portland in her younger days every one who is familiar with conditions here will concede. Assuredly it will be a great city and the time is not far distant when such will be the case. Ponderous buildings will take the place of those now occupying the business section, more streets will be devoted to business blocks and values will be up in the hundreds of thousands. Therefore, young men, lose no time in repining or wishing that you had been in on the ground floor. Pick out a lot anywhere within ten blocks of the bank corner, scrape up enough money to make the first payment down and do not fail to meet the subsequent payments when they come due, even if you do have to dispense with some of the luxuries of life. Don't keep it a few years and then sell at what looks to you like a big advance. Keep it, and you will need not worry about your old age. You will long before that period arrive be abundantly able to provide for yourself without work. It is the stand patter who wins in the end. The wealthy men of Portland are those who bought property when it was cheap and held onto it. It is a good example to follow, and it is almost the only hope a poor man has of becoming wealthy. Many men will tell you they only wished they had adopted this course when they were young. You know this and can hear it any day on the streets. You ask why did they not buy. It was because they did not realize

how rapidly values were going to increase, and then things did not look so promising as they do today. Then the Pacific northwest was but little known and it was more or less of a gamble whether they would increase to any great extent. Coming from some of the old towns in the east where values only double about every century, it could not be expected that a small city surrounded by dense forests offered great inducements in a realty way. Today, however, the scene has changed. Where the virgin forests once stood business blocks and residences have taken their places. Instead of an obscure city in the wilderness Portland has grown to the leading city of the west, and instead of the northwest being but little known it has become the mecca for numerous people from the Eastern states. But St. Johns holds the key to the situation. It is here that the big manufacturing plants of the future will be established. It is here that the finest homes on the Peninsula will be erected, and it is here that the greater volume of business of Portland will eventually be done. As Manhattan is to New York city, so will St. Johns be to Portland. It is only the question of a very short time until every foot of the water front surrounding St. Johns will be occupied by manufacturing plants and docks. It is so written, and so will it be. Business men of today, if they hold on and expand with the progress of the city, will all become well fixed. It has been the history of other coast cities, and St. Johns will not fall behind in this respect. Therefore, if you would win, stand pat.

## McKenna Buys Heavily

Francis I. McKenna last week purchased 500 lots from the University Land Co. for \$180,000. The larger portion of these lots are located on the Peninsula at University Park and vicinity and are all choice lots.

About January 1st the directors of the University Land Co. declared a dividend of 200 percent which was quite a surprise to some of the stockholders who while they were aware that the property was growing rapidly in value, had not been informed so much property had been sold off, until the return of the dividends to the stockholders, some of whom are non-residents, brought them to a realization of the fact that Peninsula property was rapidly coming to be of great importance and some of the larger stockholders asked to have the property divided, giving each stockholder the amount of land represented by his stock in the company in order to enable those who desired to do so the opportunity to withdraw their interests from the market in order to hold for future higher values.

Some of the smaller stockholders desired to have their property sold for the purpose of using their money in larger enterprises and the price at which this property was offered was a sufficient attraction to Mr. McKenna to induce him to purchase 500 of the lots. To close out the scattered interests remaining among the smaller holders of the University Land Company's stocks a few scattered lots will be sold.

Mr. McKenna made this large investment not for the purpose of reselling but with the determination to hold every lot until after the year 1920, at which time he believes no lot favorably situated on the Peninsula can be purchased for less than \$100 per front foot.

## Will Help Some

Through the efforts of the Commercial club a phone has been installed at the St. Johns station, and it is now a simple matter for our citizens to ascertain if there is any freight at that station belonging to them without making a trip thither.

## Brings Big Price

Hazel Fern, the magnificent tract of land consisting of 462 acres in the heart of the East Side, owned for many years by the Ludd estate, has been acquired by Charles K. Henry and associates at a consideration of approximately \$2,000,000.

Mr. Henry now has under consideration the formation of a syndicate to handle the vast property.

Hazel Fern farm lies between the Burr road on the north and the Base line road on the south and East Thirty-third and East Forty-fourth streets east and west. Olmsted brothers, of Boston, some months ago laid out the big tract in a parking system, preserving the higher portions for buildings with streets following the contour of the lands. This plan calls for 2880 lots and it is the intention of the new owners to place these on the market. Under the Olmsted plan the tract will be one of the most attractive in the country, lending itself to ornamental landscape gardening in its highest phases. As at present outlined, lots will sell from \$500 upward, and building restrictions will range from \$2000 to \$5000 according to location.

## Recent Portland Deals

Hazel farm, owned by Ludd estate, bought by syndicate for \$2,000,000.

Thirteenth street tier of blocks in terminal district, bought by unknown investors for \$1,500,000.

Marquam property, Sixth and Alder streets, bought by Ben Selling and associates, for \$350,000.

Kings Heights, bought by D. E. Keasey & Co., for \$238,000.

Properties bought by Theodore B. Wilcox, Sixth and Washington, \$250,000; Seventh and Stark, \$160,000; Fourth and Pine, \$130,000.

## Like Paradise

John A. Collier returned Saturday evening from a business trip of a week's duration in Fossil and Condon, Oregon. He says it seemed like Paradise to arrive at St. Johns again after a week spent in those dry and verdureless places.

## ROCK CRUSHER TO BE BUSY

### Street Work to Be Prosecuted With Vigor

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening and discussion of various proposed street improvements occupied a considerable portion of the time. There are so many points to be considered and decided upon in street work that much time is necessarily consumed in this manner.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, two applications for the position of watchman on the new dock were read and ordered placed on file. This position seems to afford quite an attraction and applications for the "job" are quite numerous.

A communication from Jos. Paquet, contractor on the dock, stating that the contract was finished March 15, and was ready for the city to accept any time, was read. As a matter of fact, however, the dock has just been completed within the past ten days, but that fine of ten dollars a day which the contractor was liable for if the dock was not completed by February 20th, makes him a little particular as to the exact date of completing his contract. As there were several little matters yet to be checked up and verified by the city engineer, the affair was laid over for one week. The acceptance of the painting job on the roof was also held over until next meeting for fuller investigation.

W. E. Swengel was present and asked that the proposed improvement of Portland boulevard terminate before it reached his property, as beyond that the street was not opened up. Mr. Holbrook, however, had informed several of the councilmen that he intended to have the thoroughfare extended to Smith's Crossing and improved in a modern way, and in that event Mr. Swengel said he was willing to join in the movement. It was then decided to get some definite communication from Mr. Holbrook regarding his plans, and if favorable to carry the improvement through to Smith's Crossing.

Ald. A. W. Davis stated that he had arranged for a meeting with Mr. Buckley of the railway company in regard to placing a spur to connect with the new dock for Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, when the committee appointed for this purpose will confer with Mr. Buckley. On motion of A. W. Davis a skeleton ordinance was drawn up by the city attorney changing the names of Learned street and Hamilton avenue to Mohawk street, and any other changes in name of streets that may then be desired and thought advisable. Same to be ready by next week.

That oft discussed and provoking garbage question was then resurrected and commented upon. The health and police committee was given the problem to solve, and means will be sought whereby a fitting and appropriate burial ground may be discovered to decently inter the off-fallings of the city. May their quest prove successful.

Chief Bredeson asked permission of council to change the hours of the night police. He believed it more beneficial to the public weal to have two men on duty from noon to midnight when the greater amount of depredations are committed. The matter was referred to the health and police committee to look into the matter. It is likely, however, that the wishes of the chief will be respected as he is in the best position to place his men to the best advantage.

Chas. Anderson was present and the mayor called upon him regarding the progress of Philadelphia street. In a rather wearied tone and manner Mr. Anderson told of the vicissitudes encountered in the proposed improvement of this street. How he came from Roseburg, "two hundred miles away" to stop the improvement when work had been started on a 14 per cent grade; how he had been working ever since to have the improvement accomplished, and how the St. Johns "News" (whatever that may be) had worn the proposition to a frazzle by agitating and touching upon it so constantly; how he had labored to secure enough available dirt to make the fill, and

## LOCALS DEFEAT VANCOUVER

### St. Johns Has a Winning Club This Year

The article below from Monday's Oregonian tells how the St. Johns base ball club conducted themselves in the opening game of the Tri-City league. That Manager Valentine now has a winning team cannot be gainsaid, and our people should encourage them by a good patronage at each game. Mr. Valentine has spared neither time nor money in furnishing a base ball attraction for St. Johns, and the way to show appreciation is by attending the games when played here. The game: St. Johns opened up the Tri-City League baseball season yesterday with a victory over the Vancouver team at Vancouver, 4 to 3. The game was fast and hard-fought. It early developed into a pitcher's battle between Elmer Stone, the California Winter leaguer, and Troeh, the Vancouver youngster. Both men had wonderful control of the slippery ball and but two players of each side were able to work them for passes.

The Apostles started out with a rush scoring two runs on the Washingtonians in the first and although they were tied once they never lost the lead. Shorty Adams singled through Erickson's legs and stole second before the Vancouver infield had time to wink. Shockey popped out trying to sacrifice but his bunt was too fast and Troeh tried for Adams at third. Adams got away from them, however, and when Troeh threw wild to the plate to catch Adams, both men scored. Vancouver got one in her half on Shockey's error, Causey's sacrifice and Patrick's hit.

Vancouver tied it up in the fifth on Harris' single, his steal of second, Troeh's single and an error on the part of D. Stone. An error by Causey on Stone's chance, D. Stone's single to left, a wild pitch and George Pembroke's long two bagger to left scored two more for the Saints in the sixth, while Vancouver got her last run in the same inning on a base on balls, an error by Stone and a long single by Wood.

Mayor J. J. Kiggins and Chief of Police John Seachrist formed the honorary battery for the occasion. A band furnished music during the game. Summary: Struck out—By Stone 4, by Troeh 10. Bases on balls—Off Stone 2, off Troeh 2. Two-base hit—G. Pembroke. Sacrifice hits—Shockey, Causey, Wood 2. Stolen bases—Adams, Patrick 2, Harris. First base on errors—Vancouver 2, St. Johns 2. Left on bases—Vancouver 5, St. Johns 5. Wild pitch—Troeh. Umpire—Rankin.

yet the proposition is not in shape to go ahead. After he had recited his trying experience the engineer suggested that if Fillmore street was to be improved enough dirt could be obtained from it to make the fill at a minimum cost, and in that event the improvement of Philadelphia might be accomplished at a cost that would not be prohibitory to the property owners. S. J. Downey stated that he intended getting out a petition for the improvement of Fillmore street at once, and the matter was laid over until the outcome of the petition could be ascertained. On motion the mayor and street committee were authorized to push work on the rock crusher and secure men for the work who knew their business, and a complete record be kept of cost of operation and the amount of the output.

The O. K. restaurant man offered to supply meals for city prisoners at the rate of 12 1/2 cents, but was very emphatic in declaring that to secure this rate the "birds" must have three meals a day, and the whole of the city business in this line must go to him. No definite action was taken regarding the proposition. On motion of J. W. Davis the recorder was instructed to request the county commissioners to send their engineer out and establish the correct lines on Willamette boulevard.

A resolution tending toward the improvement of Fessenden street was then passed and may be found elsewhere in this issue.